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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 28, 2002, and in accordance with the automatic extension of time for response provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1, 6, 10-11, and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following amended claims for those currently pending:

1. (Canceled)

Subbs 2. (Once Amended) A strap assembly for supporting one or more mountable devices comprising:

a waist strap including first and second ends;

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fasteners attached to the first and second ends for releasably connecting said first end to said second end;

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